Subsequently, a National Blood Policy (NBP) was formulated by National AIDS Control Organisation, and adopted by the Government in April 2002. It provides a framework for better management and availability of safe blood and blood products in the country. This was followed up with a detailed Action Plan on Blood Safety with clear articulation of steps to implement the policy.

(b) No charges are leviable for blood as it is collected from voluntary and replacement donors who are not paid for donating blood. However, the donated units are subjected to mandatory screening of transfusion transmitted diseases, blood grouping and cross-matching, before it is issued for transfusion to the patients. Hence a subsidized service charge of Rs. 250/- is recovered for each unit of safe and screened blood by Government and Voluntary Blood Banks. But patients suffering from thalassemia and hemophilia are exempted even from these service charges in the entire country.

Meningitis in Northen States

578. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether meningitis has taken a heavy toll of life, especially of children in the Northern States, during April-June this year;

(b) if so, the meningitis cases during the period, State-wise and how many of them proved fatal;

(c) the comparative figures for the past two years; and

(d) the special steps taken to fight the disease and the expenditure incurred by the Central and State Governments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The cases of Meningitis were reproted from Delhi, Haryana, Chandigarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttranchal during the period from 25th April, 2005 to 15th July, 2005. A total of 444 clinically suspect cases in Delhi and 66 cases outside Delhi (Haryana-44 Uttar Pradesh-4, Chandigarh-6, Uttaranchal-3, Punjab-9) were reported. 62 patients in Delhi and 7 patients outside Delhi died due to the disease. 20% deaths in Delhi occurred in children less than 15 years of age.

(c) State-wise cases & deaths due to Meningococcal Meningitis for the year 2003 and 2004 are at Statement I and II (*See* below)

(d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to prevent the disease and to provide the required facilities. Regular monitoring of disease is still continuing by the concerned State Government. It was made mandatory to notify the disease. Efforts were made for early diagnosis and prompt treatment; Contact tracking of the patients and providing chemoprophylaxis. IEC activities were carried out with the participation of the communities. A Control Room has been set up at National Institute of Communicable Diseases to receive samples from hospitals to monitor and review the situation. Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has been launched to strengthen surveillance activities and promote early detection of outbreak and institute appropriate action for prevention and control of epidemic communicable diseases including Meningococcomia.

Statement-I

Reported cases and deaths due to Communicable Diseases in India- 2003
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period upto
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1148	47	1053	39	2201	86	DEC. 2003
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	4	3	7	3	DEC. 2003
3.	Assam	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
4.	Bihar	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
5.	Chhattisgarh	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
6.	Goa	2	0	0	0	2	0	DEC. 2003
7.	Gujarat	5	0	1	0	6	0	DEC. EXCPT FEB
8.	Haryana	22	1	18	1	40	2	DEC. 2003
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	"	"	"	"	208	4	DEC, 2003
11.	Jharkhand	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
12.	Karnataka	1260	7	691	2	1951	9	DEC. 2003
13.	Kerala	115	0	88	1	203	1	DEC. 2003
14.	Madhya Pradesh	194	6	123	2	317	8	DEC. 2003
15.	Maharashtra	119	42	99	28	218	70	DEC. 2003
16.	Manipur	48	3	20	5	68	8	DEC. 2003
17.	Meghalaya	94	11	92	5	186	16	DEC. 2003
18.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. EXCPT JULY. 2003

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20.	Orissa	54	7	28	6	82	13	DEC. 2003
21.	Punjab	8	1	2	0	10	1	DEC. 2003
22.	Rajasthan	185	23	88	12	273	35	DEC. 2003
23.	Sikkim	1	0	0	0	1	0	DEC. 2003
24.	Tamil Nadu	"	"	"	"	859	1	DEC. 2003
25.	Tripura	1	0	1	0	2	0	DEC. 2003
26.	Uttaranchal	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
27.	Uttar Pradesh	"	"	"	"	285	4	DEC. 2003
28.	West Bengal	833	176	575	116	1408	292	DEC. 2003
29.	A & N Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
30.	Chandigarh	"	"	"	"	26	6	DEC. 2003
31.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
33.	Delhi	201	37	124	11	325	48	DEC. 2003
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
35.	Pondicherry	38	12	45	4	83	16	DEC. 2003
	TOTAL	4331	373	3052	235	8761	623	

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NR - NOT RECEIVED
The sum of male and female may not tally with the total figure as some States/Uts. have not reported gender-wise information separately.
SOURCE: **Monthly Health Condition Reports of States/UTs Directorate of Health Services.**

Statement-II

Reported cases and deaths due to Communicable Diseases in India-2004
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period upto
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5546	39	4450	15	9996	54	DEC. 2004
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
3.	Assam	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
4.	Bihar	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
5.	Chhattisgarh	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
6.	Goa	0	0	3	0	3	0	NOV. 2004
7.	Gujarat	13	3	5	1	18	4	DEC. 2004
8.	Haryana	29	1	30	1	59	2	DEC. 2004
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	"	"	"	"	26	1	DEC. 2004
11.	Jharkhand	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
12.	Karnataka	2194	25	1437	21	3631	46	DEC. 2004
13.	Kerala	51	4	22	1	73	5	DEC EXCPT SEPT-NOV., 2004
14.	Madhya Pradesh	198	11	119	7	317	18	DEC, 2004
15.	Maharashtra	138	31	80	19	218	50	OCT EXCPT JULY, 2004

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
16.	Manipur	30	6	26	1	56	7	DEC, 2004
17.	Meghalaya	58	8	65	9	123	17	DEC, 2004
18.	Mizoram	0	0	1	0	1	0	DEC EXCP OCT., 2004
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
20.	Orissa	13	3	12	3	25	6	DEC. 2004
21.	Punjab	6	1	7	1	13	2	DEC. EXCPT APR.—OCT., 2004
22.	Rajasthan	115	23	47	9	162	32	DEC. 2004
23.	Sikkim	0	0	1	0	1	0	DEC. 2004
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	5892	0	NOV. 2004
25.	Tripura	3	0	2	0	5	0	DEC. 2004
26.	Uttaranchal	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
27.	Uttar Pradesh	"	"	"	"	12	1	JAN. 2004
28.	West Bengal	1123	189	709	122	1832	311	DEC. 2004
29.	A & N Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	SEPT. 2004
30.	Chandigarh	"	"	"	"	10	6	MAY. 2004
31.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. EXCPT APR., 2004
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
33.	Delhi	163	9	86	11	249	20	DEC. 2004
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
35.	Pondicherry	37	2	25	1	62	3	NOV. 2004
	TOTAL:	9717	355	7127	222	22784	585	

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SOURCE: **Monthly Health Condition Reports of States/U.Ts., Directorate of Health Services.**

CORRIGENDUM TO ABOVE TABLE

The States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have furnished the following revised figures (after 15th June, 2005), which may be accordingly replaced in the above table.

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period upto
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
1	Andhra Pradesh	"	"	"	"	2046	54	DEC. 2004
15	Maharashtra	"	"	"	"	25	6	DEC. 2004
24	Tamil Nadu	"	"	"	"	800	0	DEC. 2004
	GRAND TOTAL	4033	285	2597	188	8999	541	